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## **BY ECF**

Honorable Jesse M. Furman Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: Ostenfeld v. The Laundress, LLC, 1:22-cv-10008 (JMF) (Lead Case:

22-cv-10008 (JFM));

Murphy v. Unilever United States Inc., 1:23-cv-2922 (JMF)

Dear Judge Furman:

The parties in the above-referenced actions jointly write to address the issues raised by the Court in its April 10, 2023 Order [ECF Doc. 60] concerning the newly transferred <u>Murphy</u> case, possible consolidation, the proposed next steps for the <u>Murphy</u> case, and the pending motion to dismiss. Counsel for the parties in both actions have conferred and jointly propose the following, subject to the Court's approval:

- 1. The <u>Skillman</u> case (22-cv-10008), which is the lead case, should be administratively closed because the plaintiffs in that case voluntarily dismissed their claims. <u>See ECF Nos. 55</u> (Plaintiff Skillman's voluntary dismissal); and 56 (Plaintiff Forbus's voluntary dismissal) and plaintiffs Skillman and Forbus should be retired from the pleading;
- 2. The Court previously denied the motion to dismiss (ECF No. 34) in <u>Skillman</u> as moot given that the two plaintiffs in <u>Skillman</u> voluntarily dismissed their claims. (<u>Skillman</u>, ECF No. 56 ("Defendants' motion to dismiss, ECF No. 34, is DENIED as moot.")).
- 3. To the extent that the Motion to Dismiss in <u>Ostenfeld</u> (ECF Nos. 32-33) is pending, it should be denied as moot in light of the Amended Complaint filed on March 22, 2023 in Ostenfeld (ECF. No. 52);
- 4. The <u>Ostenfeld</u> and <u>Murphy</u> cases should be consolidated pursuant to Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for all pretrial purposes;

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- 5. Plaintiffs will file a Consolidated Complaint in <u>Ostenfeld</u> to which Defendants will respond;
- 6. The parties propose that Plaintiffs file a Consolidated Complaint by May 1, 2023, but they have different proposals for the responsive briefing.

	Plaintiffs' Proposal	Defendant's Proposal
Defendants' motion	June 1, 2023	June 15, 2023
Plaintiffs' Opposition	June 15, 2023	July 14, 2023
Defendant's reply	July 1, 2023	August 4, 2023

7. The Court may administratively close the Murphy case (1:23-cv-2922-JMF).

Counsel for the parties are available at the Court's convenience to answer any questions or discuss the proposed schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application GRANTED. The Court adopts Plaintiffs' proposed briefing schedule. Ostenfeld's motion to dismiss is DENIED as moot. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate ECF No. 32, to administratively close 22-CV-10008, and to re-open 22-CV-10667. The Clerk is further directed to consolidate 22-CV-10667 with 23-CV-2922 under case number 22-CV-10667, and to administratively close 23-CV-2922. **All future filings should be in 22-CV-10667.** Finally, the Clerk is directed to docket this Order in 22-CV-10008, 22-CV-10667, and 23-CV-2922. SO ORDERED.